

became an article of commodity, the same as cotton and stocks are sold in Wall street. For the last few years we have had wonders in shape of defalcations and all manner of financial irregularities, and now we are dawning upon an era of dynamite. Wonders, the result of which we are unable to solve. Life is but a series of wonders. We go from one to another, and a long career gives us a ripe experience in wonders, and so it will be until the end of time.

Last Sunday, as I rode along the bank of the Niagara River and viewed the placid waters, then the first ripple, the rapids, the great cataract, the great rapids below the falls, and the whirlpool, I thought, What is the occasion of reference to the holy writings for evidence of wonders, when we have so great a natural wonder as this! As I stood and gazed at the great fall of water, I could not but ponder over the great mystery that surrounds us all. For ages the water has poured over those rocks; but when it began, is a problem which man cannot solve. Geologists say that at some time that great body of water flowed through the Mississippi Valley, and this thought is a proper one. As I stood and watched the seething caldron and heard the terrific roar, I could almost imagine that I heard the Omnific Voice who controls these great wonders, saying: "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform."

Every day we have evidences that we are but creatures of the dust. The star in the East was but one of the many signs and wonders to remind us the duty we owe to our great Creator, "whose breath the whirlwind is, whose voice the storm."

#### STANDING BY QUEBEC.

At the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, the following report on the Grand Master's address was unanimously adopted:—

BURLINGTON, Vt., June 10, 1886.

*To the Grand Lodge of Vermont, now in session:—*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the disturbed relations of the G. L. of Quebec and of England, would respectfully report, that they have endeavored, in the limited time accorded to them for that purpose, to consider the question involved therein carefully, and in the most fraternal and Masonic spirit. In relation to those difficulties, your committee find that the Grand Lodge of Vermont, at its last communication, approved, by unanimous vote, the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in proclaiming the suspension of all Masonic intercourse between that Grand Lodge and its subordinates, and all brethren in obedience thereto; and such other lodges and all members in obedience thereto, holding allegiance to any Foreign Grand Lodge. Since that action was taken, the Grand Lodge of Quebec at its last communication, adopted the following resolution:—

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, be and he is hereby instructed to forthwith issue an edict, in the name and behalf of this Grand Lodge, severing all intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges and members on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of England, its subordinate lodges and members thereof on the other hand, unless the Warrants of said three lodges (within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and continuing their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England) be withdrawn, or unless they affiliate with this Grand Lodge on or before the first day of July next.

Your committee are clearly of the opinion, that in accordance with Masonic law and usage as understood in this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Quebec is sovereign in its territorial